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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fabrice Vitry, et al.  
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For: LATCHING DEVICE  
Art Unit: 3677  
Examiner: Dinesh N. Melwani  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner Of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action dated February 11, 2003, to which a response is due on or before, Monday, May 12, 2003, kindly amend the above-cited application as follows. Applicant requests a one-month extension of time to respond pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136. The requisite fee is attached pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17.

Election of Species:

Acknowledgement is hereby made of the Examiner's final requirement for the election of species, to that as shown in Figs. 1-22. The withdrawal of claims 2, 4-6 from consideration is also acknowledged. Applicants' reserve the right to reinsert the limitations any of claims 2, 4-6 into this application, should a generic claim be allowed, provided such reinserted claim(s) incorporate the limitations of any allowed generic claim. (While the Examiner has recited that such reinserted claims be made into dependent form, such dependent form is not necessary pursuant to 37 CFR 1.141, as long as those reinserted claims incorporate the limitations of an allowed generic claim.)

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